

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori.

Representative Proos moved to excuse absent members.

Representative Pearce supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Virgil Smith.

Representative Vander Veen moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2006 meeting.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5606 before the committee.

HB 5606 Palmer Education; graduation requirements; curriculum requirements for high school graduation; prescribe.

Patrick Dickson, representing himself, testified in support of HB 5606.*

Jamey Fitzpatrick, representing Michigan Virtual University, testified in support of HB 5606.

Dr. Bruce Kefgen, Dr. Gayle Green, Dr. Judith Pritchett and Scott Morrell, representing Macomb County, testified in support of HB 5606.*

Vickie Markavitch, representing Oakland Schools, testified in support of HB 5606.*

Mark Pankner, representing Junior Achievement, testified and stated a neutral position on HB 5606.*

Nancy Danhoff, representing the Michigan State Board of Education, testified in opposition to

HB 5606 as introduced.*

Lois Gibbons, representing the Accounting Aid Society, testified in support of HB 5606.*

Due to time, the following people were not able to speak and opposed HB 5606:

Dr. Robert Pennock, representing Michigan Citizens for Science,*
Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union,
Debbe Dubey, representing Birmingham Public Schools.

Due to time, the following people were not able to speak and did not indicate a position on HB 5606:

Susan Herman, representing the Michigan Jewish Conference,
Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:00 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
February 8, 2006
2 hours 30 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.